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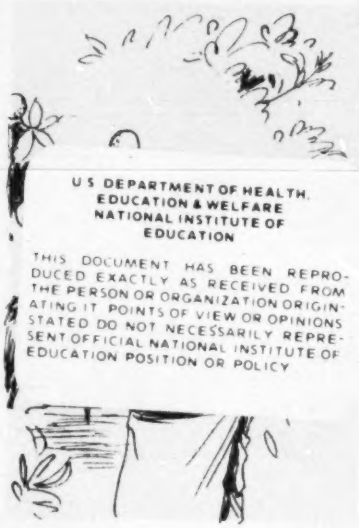

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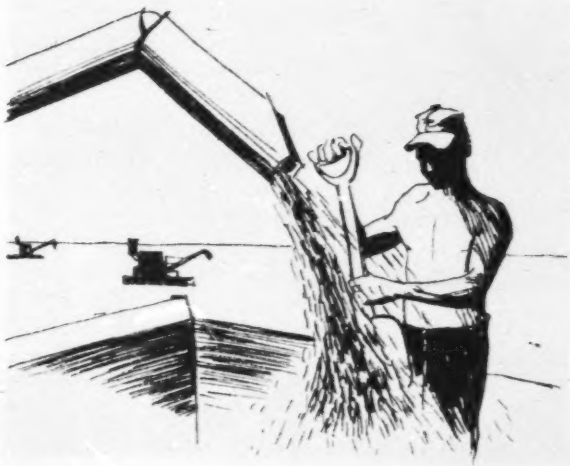

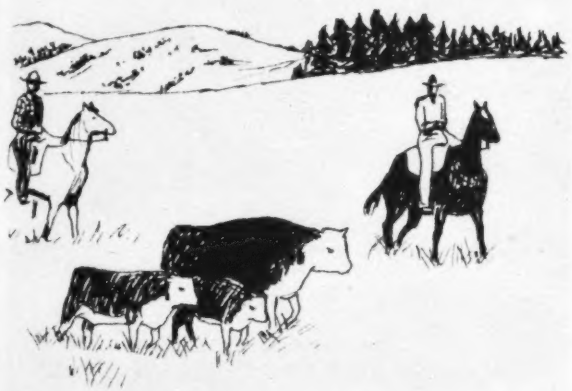

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ABSTRACT

The Hired Farm Working Force of 1971 (HFWF) consisted of about 2.6 million persons 14 years of age and over who did some farmwork for cash wages during the year. This slight increase, 4 percent, from the 2.5 million in 1970 reversed the declining trend in process since 1967.

Members of the 1971 HFWF were mostly young (median age 22), white (78 percent), male (76 percent), persons living in nonfarm places (73 percent). They earned an average of $882 in cash wages, or $11.60 a day for 76 days of farm wagework.

Only 19 percent were engaged chiefly in farm wagework. Of these, 285,000 were year-round workers, who were the most fully employed and highest paid, averaging 317 days of farm wagework and earning $3,799.

About 58 percent (primarily housewives and students) were not in the labor force most of the year.

About 172,000, or 7 percent of the total, were domestic migratory workers. This was a drop of 12 percent from 196,000 in 1970 and a continuation of the 4-year declining trend in migrant numbers, while the remainder of the hired farmworkers reversed the downward trend and increased by 4 percent.

Keywords: hired farmworkers, farm labor, casual workers, noncasual workers, migratory workers, seasonal workers, regular workers, year-round workers, nonfarm work, wages, employment, earnings.

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THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE OF 1971

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents information on the size and composition of the 1971 hired farm working force (HFWF) and on the employment and cash earnings from farm and nonfarm wagework obtained during the year. Brief highlights point up some of the most pertinent facts from the detailed data in the statistical tables. The data were obtained from the annual survey conducted for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey made in December 1971.

Estimates in this report are based on sample data; thus, they are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The survey coverage and reliability of the estimates are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

SIZE OF THE 1971 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 1)

About 2.6 million different persons did some work on farms for cash wages or salary in 1971. (Excluded are persons not in the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years old and over at the time of the survey.) This represents an increase of about 4.0 percent from the estimated 2.5 million hired farmworkers in 1970 and reverses the decline in farm wageworkers which has been in process since 1967.

Casual workers (those who did less than 25 days of farm wagework) numbered about 1.2 million, about 100,000 more than in 1970. Noncasual workers (those who did 25 days or more of farm wagework) numbered around 1.4 million, about 35,000 less than in 1970.

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RECENT TRENDS IN NUMBERS OF HIRED FARMWORKERS (tables 2-3)

Because of the sampling variability, averages based on data for several years probably reflect better than yearly estimates the recent trends in the total number of hired farmworkers and in important segments within the group.[1/] Thus, using averages for the 3-year periods 1966-68 and 1969-71, it can be seen that:

-- The total number of different persons doing hired farmwork in the course of a year declined about 13.2 percent.

-- The number of workers doing between 75 and 249 days of hired farmwork declined about 22.3 percent.

-- Workers doing less than [illegible]ys of work declined about 9.6 percent, and workers who did 250 or [illegible]ore days of work declined b[illegible]bout 18.2 percent.

-- Total man-days of farm wagework declined about 17.7 percent.

COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCE OF THE 1971 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 4)

The 1971 HFWF was similar in composition to that of the previous year. Among these workers in 1971:

-- 76 percent were male, the same percentage as in 1970.

-- 78 percent were white, the same as in 1970.

-- Only 19 percent, 3 percent less than in 1970, were engaged chiefly in farm wagework.

-- 58 percent, 2 percent more than in 1970 (primarily housewives and students), were not in the labor force most of the year.

-- The median age was 22 years, compared to 23 years in 1970.

-- 34 percent, 1 percent more than in 1970, were young people 14-17 years of age; almost four-fifths (79 percent, 1 percent more than in 1970) of these youths were boys.

-- About 7 percent did some farm wagework outside their home counties. These, considered domestic migratory workers, were a lesser proportion than the 8 percent of the total they comprised in 1970.

-- 73 percent, the same proportion as in 1970, lived in nonfarm places at the time of the survey, although some of them lived on farms at some time during the year. Figure 1 shows the contrast between the current situation and that in the late forties with respect to residence.

1/ See appendix A for a discussion of the sample and reliability of estimates.

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--44 percent lived in the South and 9 percent in the Northeastern States, 25 percent were in the North Central States, and 22 percent were in the West. Compared with 1970, these proportions represented no change in the South, a 2-percent increase in the North Central, and a 1-percent decrease in each of the other two regions.

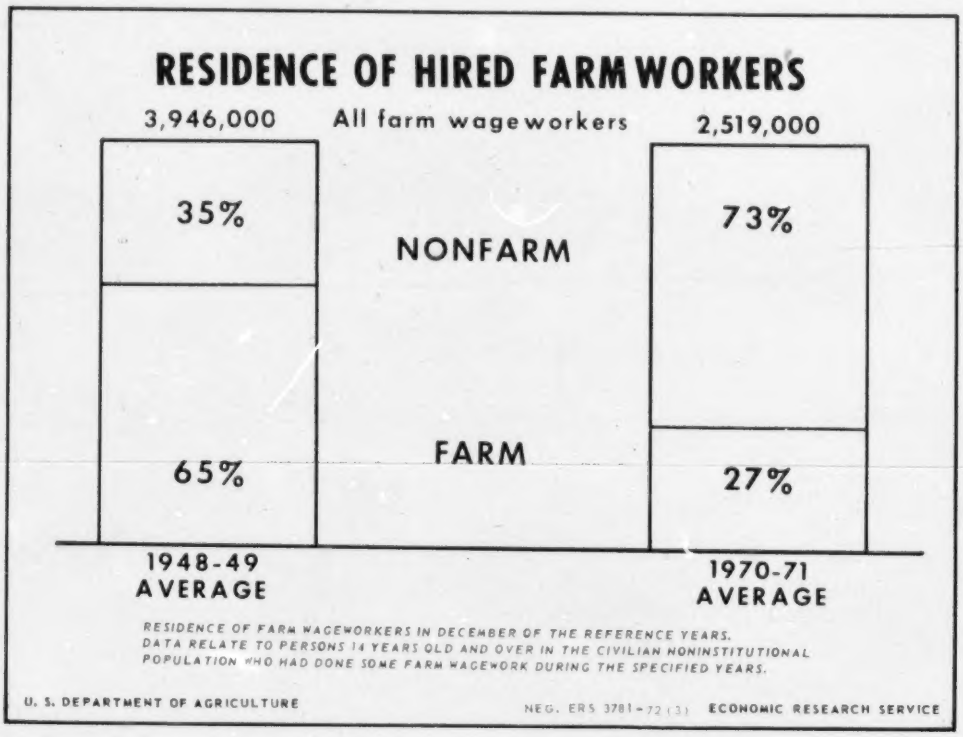

Figure 1

MAN-DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK DONE BY SELECTED GROUPS
(table 5)

Workers included in the survey did about 195 million may-days of work on farms in 1971 -- about one-fourth of the total number of days of labor on farms.

--The percentage of total man-days of work done by white workers and by Negro and other workers was about equal to the proportion each group represented of the HFWF. Similarly, the percentage done by migratory workers about equaled the proportion they represented of the work force.

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-- The regular and year-round workers, who comprised about one-fifth (19.5 percent) of the 1971 HFWF, did slightly over two-thirds (68 percent) of the total man-days of farm wagework (fig. 2). This was just slightly above the 66 percent they accounted for in 1970.

-- Averages for the 3-year periods 1966-68 and 1969-71 indicate that the number of full-time workers declined about 18.2 percent, and the total number of man-days of hired farmwork they did, declined about 16.7 percent. During these same periods, workers doing 75-249 days of work declined about 22.3 percent, and their man-days of work declined about 21.5 percent (tables 2 and 3).

-- Workers who did less than 75 days of farm wagework comprised around 69.5 percent of the total HFWF in both 3-year periods but did only about one-fifth of the man-days of work.

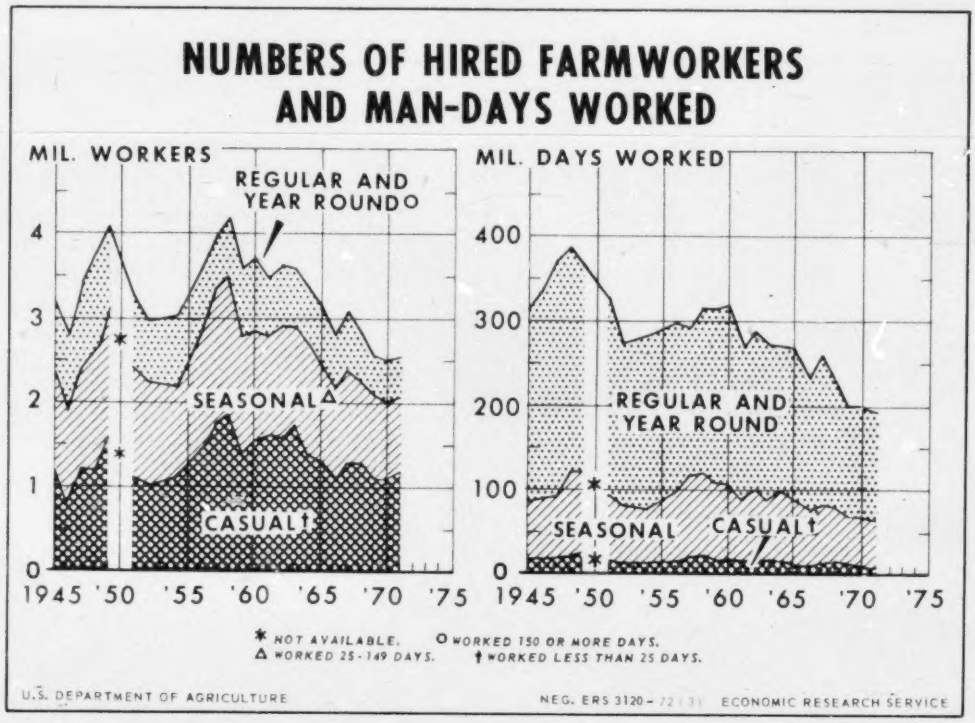

Figure 2

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK AND RELATED EARNINGS (tables 6-10)

As a group, hired farmworkers earned about $11.60 a day in cash wages from their farm wagework in 1971. For an average of 76 days of such work, they earned $882. (Throughout this report, daily and yearly earnings refer only to the cash wages received by workers and do not include the value of perquisites or fringe benefits furnished by the employer.)

Yearly earnings from farm wagework in 1971 changed slightly from 1970 in all regions, declining in the Northeast and North Central and increasing in the West and Southern regions. The $0.70 increase in daily wages in the South was more than offset by the decrease of 5 percent in the number of days worked. The lower yearly earnings from farm wagework in the Northeast and North Central resulted from a decrease in both the number of days worked (13 and 19 percent respectively) and daily wages ($0.65 and $0.05); the opposite occurred in the West with higher yearly earnings resulting from an increase in both the number of days (22 percent of such work) and daily wages ($0.40).

Care should be exercised in interpreting year-to-year changes in these averages, however, because of sampling variability. Appendix A contains estimates of the standard errors of various types of averages.

Great variation among major groups in the average number of days of employment and related daily and yearly earnings from farm wagework continues to be a major feature of the HFWF. In 1971, 1.2 million casuals averaged 9 days of work and earned an average of $9.90 a day from farmwork.

-- Male casual workers averaged $9.90 a day and females $8.80.

-- Nonmigratory casuals averaged $9.75 a day; migratory casuals $10.40 a day.

In 1971, 1.4 million noncasual workers averaged 135 days and earned $1,576. Many of the noncasual workers are not in the labor force or they do work other than farm wagework most of the year. Figure 3 shows that there has been a slight change since 1960 in the proportions of those groups of noncasuals whose chief activity is farm wagework, unemployed, and not in the labor force a major part of the year. Among the noncasuals:

-- 0.9 million seasonals averaged 59 days of work and earned $612 from farm wagework.

-- 0.2 million regulars averaged 198 days and earned $2,496.

-- 0.3 million year-round workers averaged 317 days and earned $3,799.

-- Whites averaged 141 days at $12.10 a day, earning $1,706 in cash wages.

-- Negroes and members of other races averaged 115 days at $10.20 a day, earning $1,172.

-- Domestic migratory workers averaged 111 days at $12.65 a day, earning $1,407.

-- Workers in the West received the highest daily wage, $15.00; those in the North Central States received the lowest, $9.55.

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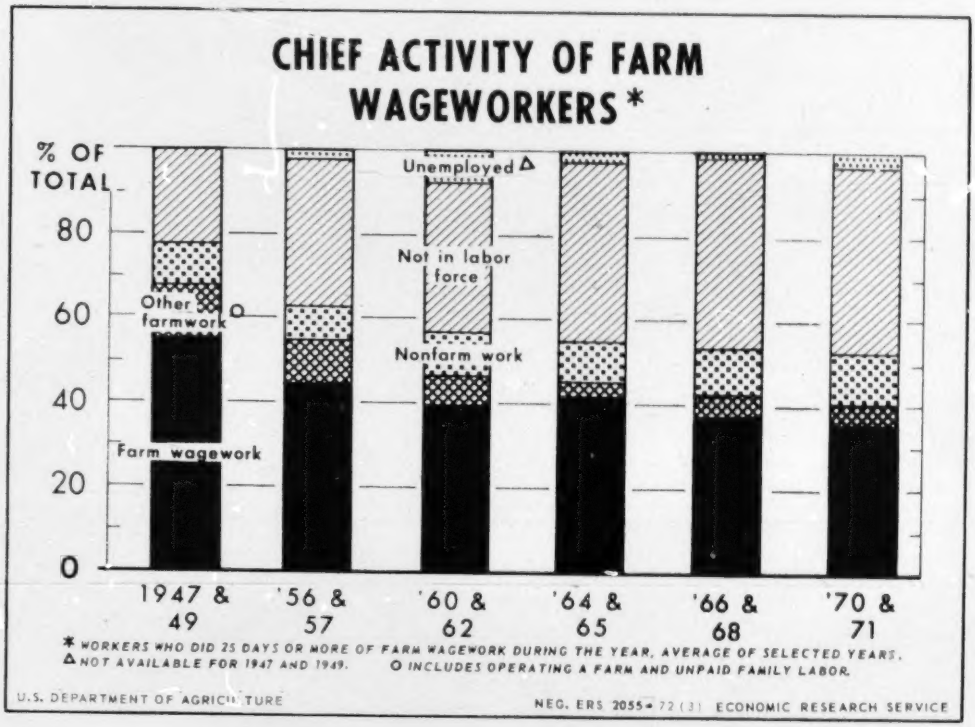

Figure 3

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OF WORKERS WHO DID FARM WAGEWORK ONLY AND THOSE WHO DID FARM AND NONFARM WAGEWORK
(tables 11 and 12)

In 1971, nearly 1.6 million persons, 134,000 more than 1970, did farm wagework only (FWO workers), and 933,000, about 72,000 less than 1970, were employed at both farm and nonfarm wagework (FNF workers).

-- FWO workers were employed an average of 94 days at farm wagework and earned $1,095.

-- FNF workers did an average of 111 days of nonfarm wagework and 46 days of farm wagework, from which, on the average, they earned a total of $2,420.

-- FWO workers earned about $11.65 a day from farm wagework; FNF workers averaged about $11.15 a day.

-- FNF workers earned about $17.20 a day from nonfarm wagework.

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Table 1.--Number of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by sex, 1945-71 1/

Year	All farm wageworkers			Workers who did 25 days or more of farm wagework during the year (noncasual workers)			Workers who did less than 25 days of farm wagework during the year (casual workers)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
1945	3,212	2,375	837	1,965	1,576	389	1,247	799	448
1946	2,770	2,120	650	1,953	1,584	369	817	536	281
1947	3,394	2,587	807	2,215	1,864	351	1,179	723	456
1948	3,752	2,820	932	2,502	2,036	466	1,250	784	466
1949	4,140	3,021	1,119	2,510	2,001	509	1,630	1,020	610
1950	4,342	3,221	1,121	---	---	---	---	---	---
1951	3,274	2,392	882	2,156	1,718	438	1,118	674	444
1952	2,980	2,218	762	1,972	1,558	414	1,008	660	348
1954	3,009	2,237	772	1,908	1,544	364	1,101	693	408
1956	3,575	2,525	1,050	2,078	1,553	525	1,497	972	525
1957	3,962	2,765	1,197	2,200	1,673	527	1,762	1,092	670
1958	4,212	2,987	1,225	2,319	1,788	531	1,893	1,199	694
1959	3,577	2,570	1,007	2,166	1,690	476	1,412	880	531
1960	3,693	2,664	1,029	2,162	1,698	463	1,531	966	566
1961	3,488	2,445	1,043	1,889	1,468	421	1,600	978	622
1962	3,622	2,551	1,071	2,067	1,576	492	1,555	976	579
1963	3,597	2,615	983	1,862	1,480	382	1,735	1,135	601
1964	3,370	2,398	972	2,001	1,487	514	1,369	911	458
1965	3,128	2,205	923	1,864	1,407	457	1,264	797	466
1966	2,763	2,051	712	1,634	1,295	339	1,130	756	374
1967	3,078	2,261	817	1,740	1,358	381	1,338	903	435
1968	2,919	2,111	808	1,620	1,256	364	1,299	855	444
1969	2,571	1,907	665	1,466	1,158	307	1,106	748	357
1970	2,488	1,889	599	1,394	1,142	252	1,093	747	346
1971	2,550	1,944	606	1,359	1,121	238	1,191	823	368

Numbers of workers for 1959 and succeeding years are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ No survey conducted in 1953 and 1955.

Table 2.--Distribution of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1966-68 and 1969-71

Year	Total workers	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Average:					
1966-68	2,920	1,984	325	248	363
1969-71	2,536	1,793	255	191	297
Percentage change	-13.2	-9.6	-21.5	-23.0	-18.2
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1966-68	100	68	11	9	12
1969-71	100	71	10	7	12

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 3.--Distribution of man-days of farm wagework, for workers, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1966-68 and 1969-71

Year	Total man-days of farm wagework	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Average:					
1966-68	243	45	34	49	114
1969-71	200	40	27	38	95
Percentage change	-17.7	-11.1	-20.6	-22.4	-16.7
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1966-68	100	19	14	20	47
1969-71	100	20	14	19	47

Numbers of days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

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Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	1,944	606	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	2,002	1,622	379	78	83	63
Negro and other races	549	321	227	22	17	37
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	611	573	38	24	29	6
Farm wagework	484	455	30	19	23	5
Without nonfarm work	394	368	26	15	19	4
With nonfarm work	90	86	4	4	4	1
Other farmwork 1/	127	119	8	5	6	1
Nonfarm work	396	343	54	16	18	9
Unemployed	43	39	4	2	2	1
Not in labor force	1,500	989	511	58	51	84
Keeping house	303	9	294	12	2/	48
Attending school	1,063	850	213	41	44	35
Other	133	130	4	5	7	1
RESIDENCE AND AGE						
All workers	2,550	1,944	606	100	100	100
14-17 years	838	666	171	34	35	29
18-24	619	491	129	24	25	21
25-34	334	241	93	13	12	15
35-44	224	152	72	9	8	12
45-54	214	139	75	8	7	12
55-64	208	162	47	8	8	8
65 and over	113	92	20	4	5	3
Farm Residence	689	562	127	100	100	100
14-17 years	168	141	27	25	25	21
18-24	154	125	29	22	22	23
25-34	96	76	20	14	14	16
35-44	71	58	13	10	10	10
45-54	74	56	18	11	10	14
55-64	89	74	14	13	13	11
65 and over	38	31	6	5	6	5
Nonfarm Residence	1,861	1,382	479	100	100	100
14-17 years	670	526	144	36	39	30
18-24	465	366	100	25	26	21
25-34	238	165	73	13	12	15
35-44	153	94	60	8	7	12
45-54	140	83	57	8	6	12
55-64	120	88	32	6	6	7
65 and over	75	61	14	4	4	3
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
Migratory	172	142	30	100	100	3/
14-17 years	47	39	8	27	27	---
18-24	63	53	10	37	38	---
25-34	17	16	2	10	11	---
35-44	19	15	4	11	10	---
45-54	12	7	4	7	5	---
55-64	11	11	0	6	8	---
65 and over	4	1	2	2	1	---
Nonmigratory	2,378	1,802	576	100	100	100
14-17 years	791	627	163	33	35	28
18-24	556	437	119	23	24	21
25-34	317	226	91	13	13	16
35-44	205	137	68	9	8	12
45-54	203	132	71	9	7	12
55-64	198	151	47	8	8	8
65 and over	109	91	18	5	5	3

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1971--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
REGION	2,550	1,944	606	100	100	100
Northeast	239	184	55	9	9	9
North Central	650	572	78	25	29	13
South	1,091	756	335	44	40	55
West	571	432	139	22	22	23
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,359	1,121	238	100	100	100
14-17 years	317	269	48	23	24	20
18-24	342	288	54	24	26	22
25-34	215	177	38	16	16	16
35-44	158	116	42	12	10	18
45-54	132	97	35	10	9	15
55-64	135	118	17	10	11	7
65 and over	61	56	5	4	5	2
Migratory	117	95	22	100	100	3/
14-17 years	27	22	6	23	23	---
18-24	40	33	7	34	35	---
25-34	13	13	0	11	13	---
35-44	16	13	3	14	14	---
45-54	10	6	4	9	6	---
55-64	7	7	0	6	8	---
65 and over	4	1	2	3	1	---
Nonmigratory	1,243	1,026	216	100	100	100
14-17 years	290	248	42	23	24	19
18-24	302	255	47	25	25	23
25-34	202	164	38	16	16	17
35-44	142	103	40	11	10	18
45-54	122	91	31	10	9	14
55-64	128	111	17	10	11	8
65 and over	57	55	3	5	5	1
TOTAL FARM WAGES EARNED	1,359	1,121	238	100	100	100
Under $100	38	19	19	3	2	8
100-199	90	61	30	7	5	13
200-399	247	176	71	18	16	29
400-599	183	143	40	13	13	16
600-999	206	178	28	15	16	12
1,000-1,999	216	181	35	16	16	15
2,000 and over	379	363	16	28	32	7
TOTAL FARM AND NONFARM WAGES EARNED	1,359	1,121	238	100	100	100
Under $100	23	15	7	2	1	3
100-199	70	43	28	5	4	12
200-399	183	127	56	13	11	23
400-599	130	95	36	10	8	15
600-999	181	142	40	13	13	17
1,000-1,399	98	76	22	7	7	9
1,400-1,999	119	96	23	9	9	10
2,000 and over	554	528	26	41	47	11

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 4.-- Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1971--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female 1/	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,191	823	368	100	100	100
14-17 years	521	397	124	44	49	34
18-24	278	203	75	23	25	20
25-34	119	64	55	10	8	15
35-44	66	36	30	6	4	8
45-54	82	43	40	7	5	11
55-64	74	44	30	6	5	8
65 and over	52	36	15	4	4	4
Migratory	55	47	8	100	3/	3/
14-17 years	20	17	2	36	---	---
18-24	23	20	3	41	---	---
25-34	4	3	2	8	---	---
35-44	3	1	1	5	---	---
45-54	1	1	0	3	---	---
55-64	4	4	0	7	---	---
65 and over	0	0	0	0	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,136	776	360	100	100	100
14-17 years	501	380	121	44	49	34
18-24	254	182	72	22	24	20
25-34	115	61	53	10	8	15
35-44	63	35	29	6	4	8
45-54	81	41	40	7	5	11
55-64	70	40	30	6	5	8
65 and over	52	36	15	5	5	4

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
2/ Less than 0.5 percent.
3/ Percentages not shown where base is less that 50,000 persons.

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Table 5.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, and man-days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Man-days of farm wagework		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	1,944	606	195	173	23
COLOR						
White	2,002	1,622	379	155	139	16
Negro and other races	549	321	227	41	34	7
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	172	142	30	14	12	2
Nonmigratory	2,378	1,802	576	182	161	21
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,191	823	368	11	8	4
25-74	648	482	166	28	21	7
75-149	213	165	48	23	18	5
150-249	213	205	8	42	41	2
250 and over	285	269	16	91	86	5
ALL WORKERS, 1971	100	100	100	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	78	83	63	79	81	69
Negro and other races	22	17	37	21	19	31
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	7	7	5	7	7	9
Nonmigratory	93	93	95	93	93	91
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	48	42	61	6	4	17
25-74	25	25	27	15	12	30
75-149	8	8	8	12	10	23
150-249	8	11	1	22	24	7
250 and over	11	14	3	45	50	23

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand, and numbers of man-days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

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Table 6.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and duration of farm wagework, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of farm wageworkers						Percentage distribution					
		Number working						Percentage working				
	Total workers	Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over	Total workers	Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	1,191	648	213	213	285	100	48	25	8	8	11
COLOR												
White	2,002	973	462	174	154	239	100	48	23	9	8	12
Negro and other races	549	218	186	39	59	47	100	40	34	7	11	8
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	838	521	239	45	11	21	100	62	29	5	1	3
18-24	619	278	192	55	44	50	100	45	31	9	7	8
25-34	334	119	71	36	62	45	100	35	21	11	19	14
35-44	224	66	51	29	25	54	100	29	23	13	11	24
45-54	214	82	41	11	38	41	100	39	19	5	18	19
55-64	208	74	31	26	26	52	100	35	15	13	12	25
65 and over	113	52	23	9	7	22	100	46	20	8	6	20
Males	1,944	823	482	165	205	269	100	42	25	8	11	14
14-17 years	666	397	198	40	11	20	100	59	30	6	2	3
18-24	491	203	154	46	43	46	100	42	31	9	9	9
25-34	241	64	47	28	60	42	100	26	20	12	24	18
35-44	152	36	26	15	25	50	100	24	17	10	16	33
45-54	139	43	16	8	34	38	100	30	12	6	24	28
55-64	162	44	21	21	26	50	100	27	13	13	16	31
65 and over	92	36	20	7	7	22	100	39	22	8	7	24
Females	606	368	166	48	8	16	100	61	27	8	1	3
14-17	171	124	41	5	0	1	100	72	24	3	0	1
18-24	129	75	39	10	1	4	100	58	30	8	1	3
25-34	93	55	24	8	3	3	100	59	26	9	3	3
35-44	72	30	25	13	0	4	100	42	34	18	0	6
45-54	75	40	25	4	4	3	100	54	33	5	5	3
55-64	47	30	10	5	0	1	1/	---	--	--	---	---
65 and over	20	15	3	2	0	0	1/	---	--	--	---	---
RESIDENCE												
Farm	689	234	145	74	82	155	100	34	21	11	12	22
Nonfarm	1,861	957	503	139	131	130	100	52	27	7	7	7
MIGRATORY STATUS												
Migratory	172	55	57	35	12	12	100	32	34	20	7	7
Nonmigratory	2,378	1,136	591	178	201	273	100	49	25	7	8	11
REGION												
Northeast	239	120	61	14	14	31	100	50	25	6	6	13
North Central	650	358	140	48	40	64	100	55	22	7	6	10
South	1,091	482	303	86	101	118	100	44	28	8	9	11
West	571	231	145	64	58	73	100	41	25	11	10	13

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	117	1,580	13.50	76	882	11.60	40	698	17.45
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,002	123	1,732	14.10	77	921	11.95	45	811	18.00
Negro and other races	549	96	1,024	10.65	74	739	10.00	22	285	12.95
Male	1,944	135	1,900	14.05	88	1,055	12.00	46	844	18.35
White	1,622	136	1,986	14.60	85	1,047	12.30	51	939	18.40
Negro and other races	321	131	1,462	11.15	104	1,095	10.50	26	366	14.05
Female	606	58	555	9.55	37	325	8.80	21	229	10.90
White	379	65	644	9.90	41	380	9.25	24	263	10.95
Negro and other races	227	48	406	8.45	31	234	7.55	17	171	10.05
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	611	218	2,881	13.20	205	2,664	13.00	13	216	16.60
Farm wagework	484	244	3,209	13.15	232	3,003	12.95	12	205	17.10
Without nonfarm work	394	244	3,156	12.95	244	3,156	12.95	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	90	245	3,443	14.05	180	2,335	12.95	65	1,107	17.05
Other farmwork 2/	127	116	1,623	14.00	100	1,364	13.65	16	259	16.20
Nonfarm work 3/	396	206	3,853	18.70	38	447	11.75	168	3,406	20.25
Unemployed	43	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,500	53	456	8.60	35	285	8.15	18	171	9.50
Keeping house	303	41	394	9.60	32	305	9.55	9	89	9.90
Attending school	1,063	55	444	8.05	35	265	7.55	20	178	8.90
Other	133	62	696	11.20	38	394	10.35	24	301	12.55
RESIDENCE, SEX, AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
All workers										
Less than 25 days	1,191	59	930	15.75	9	89	9.90	49	840	17.15
25-74	648	87	1,236	14.20	43	442	10.25	43	794	18.45
75-149	213	152	1,850	12.15	106	1,131	10.65	45	719	15.95
150-249	213	222	2,879	12.95	198	2,496	12.60	23	382	16.60
250 and over	285	324	3,903	12.05	317	3,799	12.00	6	103	17.15
Farm residence	689	142	1,585	11.15	120	1,277	10.65	22	307	13.95
Less than 25 days	234	39	490	12.55	9	91	10.10	30	398	13.25
25-74	145	73	807	11.05	44	391	8.90	29	415	14.30
75-149	74	128	1,409	11.00	106	1,047	9.85	22	361	16.40
150-249	82	216	2,376	11.00	197	2,103	10.65	19	273	14.35
250 and over	155	330	3,627	11.00	324	3,564	11.00	5	63	12.60
Nonfarm residence	1,861	108	1,578	14.60	60	735	12.25	47	842	17.90
Less than 25 days	957	64	1,037	16.20	9	88	9.75	54	948	17.55
25-74	503	91	1,360	14.95	43	456	10.60	47	903	19.20
75-149	139	164	2,083	12.70	106	1,175	11.10	58	907	15.65
150-249	131	225	3,194	14.20	199	2,743	13.80	26	451	17.35
250 and over	130	317	4,232	13.35	309	4,080	13.20	7	152	21.70
Males	823	71	1,200	16.90	9	89	9.90	62	1,111	17.90
Less than 25 days	482	95	1,467	15.45	44	480	10.90	50	987	19.75
25-74	165	162	1,983	12.25	106	1,117	10.55	55	865	15.70
75-149	205	222	2,874	12.95	198	2,479	12.50	24	394	16.40
150-249	269	323	4,018	12.45	317	3,916	12.35	5	102	20.40
250 and over										
Females	368	33	325	9.85	10	88	8.80	22	236	10.70
Less than 25 days	166	65	565	8.70	41	332	8.10	23	232	10.10
25-74	72	174	1,701	9.75	163	1,519	9.30	11	182	16.55
75 and over										

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1971--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm: Days worked	Farm and nonfarm: Wages earned: Per year	Farm and nonfarm: Wages earned: Per day 1/	Farm: Days worked	Farm: Wages earned: Per year	Farm: Wages earned: Per day 1/	Nonfarm: Days worked	Nonfarm: Wages earned: Per year	Nonfarm: Wages earned: Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
MIGRATORY STATUS AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
Migratory	172	118	1,630	13.80	79	987	12.50	39	642	16.45
Less than 25 days	55	67	1,208	18.00	10	104	10.40	57	1,104	19.35
25-74	57	90	1,195	13.25	46	577	12.55	43	617	14.35
75-149 3/	35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
150 and over 3/	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	2,378	117	1,576	13.45	76	874	11.50	41	702	17.10
Less than 25 days	1,136	59	916	15.50	9	88	9.75	49	827	16.85
25-74	591	87	1,240	14.25	43	429	9.95	43	811	18.85
75-149	178	154	1,924	12.50	104	1,119	10.75	49	804	16.40
150-249	201	222	2,838	12.80	198	2,446	12.35	24	391	16.30
250 and over	273	324	3,893	12.00	317	3,788	11.95	6	104	17.35
REGION AND COLOR										
Northeast	239	109	1,418	13.00	75	778	10.35	34	640	18.80
White	228	112	1,462	13.05	76	792	10.40	35	670	19.15
Negro and other races 3/	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	650	116	1,547	13.35	65	624	9.60	51	922	18.05
White	635	117	1,561	13.35	65	630	9.70	51	930	18.25
Negro and other races	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
South	1,091	112	1,375	12.25	77	837	10.85	35	537	15.35
White	603	126	1,708	13.55	81	973	12.00	44	735	16.70
Negro and other races 3/	487	95	962	10.10	72	668	9.25	23	293	12.75
West	571	131	2,077	15.85	88	1,304	14.80	42	772	18.40
White	535	130	2,077	15.95	86	1,262	14.65	44	814	18.50
Negro and other races 3/	35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR										
All workers										
Migratory										
White	157	120	1,712	14.25	80	1,042	13.00	40	669	16.70
Negro and other races 3/	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory										
White	1,845	123	1,734	14.10	77	911	11.85	46	823	17.90
Negro and other races	533	97	1,031	10.60	74	747	10.10	22	283	12.85
South										
Migratory	56	138	1,587	11.50	105	1,208	11.50	33	379	11.50
White	44	145	1,750	12.05	110	1,380	12.55	34	369	10.85
Negro and other races 3/	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,034	111	1,363	12.25	76	817	10.75	35	546	15.60
White	559	124	1,705	13.75	79	940	11.90	45	764	17.00
Negro and other races	476	95	962	10.10	72	671	9.30	23	290	12.60
West										
Migratory	82	115	1,823	15.85	64	867	13.55	50	955	19.10
White	78	118	1,898	16.10	66	906	13.70	51	991	19.45
Negro and other races 3/	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	489	133	2,120	15.95	92	1,377	14.95	41	742	18.10
White	457	133	2,107	15.85	89	1,323	14.85	43	784	18.25
Negro and other races 3/	31	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 8.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and average daily earnings at farm wagework, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Average daily earnings from farm wagework							Median daily earnings 1/
		Total	Less than $3.00	$3.00-4.99	$5.00-6.99	$7.00-8.99	$9.00-10.99	$11.00-12.99	$13.00 and over	
	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	100	6	9	15	15	18	11	26	9.50
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,002	100	7	9	14	13	17	11	29	9.95
Negro and other races	549	100	5	8	22	23	20	10	12	8.30
Male	1,944	100	6	8	14	14	17	12	29	10.00
White	1,622	100	7	8	13	12	17	11	32	10.20
Negro and other races	321	100	2	5	20	22	21	12	18	9.10
Female	606	100	8	12	19	19	18	8	16	8.10
White	379	100	7	12	16	16	17	9	23	8.90
Negro and other races	227	100	10	12	25	24	18	7	4	7.25
AGE, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND SEX										
14-19 years	1,133	100	9	12	19	17	19	10	14	8.15
Migratory	73	100	11	3	18	7	17	14	30	10.30
Nonmigratory	1,060	100	9	13	19	18	18	10	13	8.05
20 years and over	1,418	100	4	6	13	13	17	11	36	10.65
Migratory	99	100	5	1	10	8	28	6	42	10.80
Male	82	100	2	2	8	5	27	7	49	12.75
Female	18	2/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,318	100	4	6	13	14	16	12	36	10.60
Male	966	100	3	5	11	12	16	12	41	11.50
Female	352	100	7	9	19	19	17	10	19	8.60
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
Less than 25 days	1,191	100	7	11	16	17	19	10	20	8.85
25-74	648	100	5	7	18	17	20	10	23	9.30
75-149	213	100	5	9	13	12	21	9	31	10.00
150-249	213	100	5	2	13	9	9	17	45	12.40
250-299	86	100	6	5	9	8	11	11	50	12.90
300 and over	199	100	9	9	10	8	13	11	40	11.05
REGION AND SEX										
Northeast	239	100	10	10	13	10	22	11	24	9.65
Male	184	100	12	11	12	11	21	12	21	9.35
Female	55	100	3	5	14	10	26	11	31	10.45
North Central	650	100	7	11	15	14	16	14	23	9.35
Male	572	100	7	11	15	14	15	14	24	9.40
Female	78	100	5	13	18	13	26	18	7	8.95
South	1,091	100	6	8	18	21	20	9	18	8.70
Male	756	100	4	5	16	20	22	11	22	9.45
Female	335	100	9	14	23	26	15	6	7	7.30
West	571	100	6	6	11	6	13	9	49	12.70
Male	432	100	6	6	10	4	12	10	52	13.10
Female	139	100	8	9	14	10	16	7	36	10.05

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1971	1,359	168	2,150	12.80	135	1,576	11.65	33	573	17.35
COLOR AND SEX										
White	1,029	178	2,375	13.35	141	1,706	12.10	36	668	18.55
Negro and other races	331	136	1,448	10.65	115	1,172	10.20	21	276	13.15
Male	1,121	183	2,413	13.20	147	1,764	12.00	35	648	18.50
White	893	187	2,557	13.65	148	1,829	12.35	39	727	18.65
Negro and other races	228	166	1,849	11.15	143	1,510	10.55	22	339	15.40
Female	238	98	909	9.25	78	692	8.85	20	217	10.85
White	135	119	1,176	9.90	96	897	9.35	22	279	12.70
Negro and other races	103	71	558	7.85	54	422	7.80	17	136	8.00
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	317	86	594	6.90	75	537	7.15	10	57	5.70
18-24	342	159	2,019	12.70	112	1,237	11.05	46	781	16.95
25-34	215	217	3,241	14.95	159	2,029	12.75	58	1,212	20.90
35-44	158	210	3,179	15.15	167	2,429	14.55	43	749	17.40
45-54	132	207	2,954	14.25	182	2,413	13.25	24	541	22.55
55-64	135	211	2,777	13.15	193	2,490	12.90	17	286	16.80
65 and over	61	184	1,324	7.20	174	1,245	7.15	10	78	7.80
Males										
14-17 years	269	91	615	6.75	78	549	7.05	12	66	5.50
18-24	288	173	2,264	13.10	119	1,361	11.45	53	903	17.05
25-34	177	238	3,721	15.65	174	2,315	13.30	63	1,405	22.30
35-44	116	239	3,766	15.75	197	2,963	15.05	42	803	19.10
45-54	97	242	3,640	15.05	216	2,971	13.75	26	669	25.75
55-64	118	228	3,055	13.40	208	2,732	13.15	19	323	17.00
65 and over	56	189	1,416	7.50	181	1,338	7.40	7	77	11.00
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	542	241	3,170	13.15	229	2,987	13.05	11	183	16.65
Farm wagework	473	249	3,257	13.10	237	3,071	12.95	11	186	16.90
Without nonfarm work	387	248	3,209	12.95	248	3,209	12.95	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	86	252	3,474	13.80	188	2,447	13.00	63	1,027	16.30
Other farmwork 2/	69	190	2,572	13.55	177	2,406	13.60	13	165	12.70
Nonfarm work	178	231	3,959	17.15	74	864	11.65	157	3,095	19.70
Unemployed 3/	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	615	87	751	8.65	71	577	8.10	15	173	11.55
Keeping house	128	73	709	9.70	63	607	9.65	10	102	10.20
Attending school	426	89	723	8.10	73	540	7.40	15	182	12.15
Other	61	100	1,028	10.30	74	768	10.35	25	259	10.35
REGION AND COLOR										
Northeast	119	174	1,960	11.25	140	1,451	10.35	34	508	14.95
White	111	182	2,067	11.35	145	1,518	10.45	36	548	15.20
Negro and other races 3/	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	292	176	2,043	11.60	134	1,279	9.55	42	764	18.20
White	286	177	2,060	11.65	134	1,286	9.60	42	774	18.40
Negro and other races 3/	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
REGION AND COLOR--Continued										
South	608	161	1,928	12.00	131	1,443	11.00	29	484	16.70
White	312	186	2,474	13.30	150	1,818	12.10	36	656	18.20
Negro and other races	297	134	1,353	10.10	111	1.049	9.45	22	303	13.75
West	340	172	2,704	15.70	141	2,113	15.00	31	590	19.05
White	320	170	2,668	15.70	138	2,040	14.80	32	627	19.60
Negro and ot er races 3/	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR										
All workers										
Migratory	117	142	1,830	12.90	111	1,407	12.65	30	423	14.10
White	110	141	1,888	13.40	110	1,441	13.10	31	447	14.40
Negro and other races 3/	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,243	170	2,180	12.80	137	1,592	11.60	33	587	17.80
White	919	183	2,433	13.30	145	1,738	12.00	37	695	18.80
Negro and other races	324	136	1,460	10.75	115	1,178	10.25	20	281	14.05
South										
Migratory 3/	42	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
White 3/	36	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Negro and other races 3/	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	566	160	1,930	12.05	131	1 433	10.95	29	497	17.15
White	276	188	2,529	13.45	152	1,834	12.05	36	694	19.25
Negro and other races	290	133	1,361	10.25	111	1,051	9.45	22	309	14.05
West										
Migratory 3/	49	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	291	178	2,836	15.95	148	2,241	15.15	30	595	19.85
NONMIGRATORY WORKERS, SEX, AND COLOR										
Nonmigratory										
Male	1,026	186	2,450	13.15	150	1,783	11.90	36	666	18.50
White	803	192	2,613	13.60	152	1,857	12.20	40	755	18.85
Negro and other races	223	166	1,863	11.20	143	1,516	10.60	23	346	15.05
Female	216	96	898	9.35	77	686	8.90	18	211	11.70
White	116	120	1,186	9.90	99	909	9.20	20	276	13.80
Negro and other races	101	69	565	8.20	53	429	8.10	15	135	9.00
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	649	227	3,307	14.55	179	2,383	13.30	47	923	19.65
Migratory	47	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	602	229	3,329	14.55	181	2,393	13.20	47	936	19.90
Other household members	710	114	1,093	9.60	94	839	8.90	19	253	13.30
Migratory	70	100	1,036	10.35	81	836	10.30	19	200	10.50
Nonmigratory	640	116	1,099	9.45	96	840	8.75	19	259	13.65

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 10.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1971	1,191	59	930	15.75	9	89	9.90	49	840	17.15
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes	521	26	168	6.45	9	76	8.45	16	92	5.75
14-17 years	278	87	1,256	14.45	9	95	10.55	77	1,161	15.05
18-24	119	120	2,495	20.80	10	116	11.60	110	2,379	21.60
25-34	66	109	2,122	19.45	8	93	11.60	100	2,029	20.30
35-44	82	77	1,866	24.25	8	98	12.25	68	1,767	26.00
45-54	74	47	896	19.05	10	109	10.90	37	786	21.25
55-64	52	28	271	9.65	7	75	10.70	20	195	9.75
65 and over	823	71	1,200	16.90	9	89	9.90	62	1,111	17.90
Males	397	28	182	6.50	9	73	8.10	18	109	6.05
14-17 years	203	99	1,498	15.15	8	94	11.75	90	1,404	15.60
18-24	64	179	4,044	22.60	9	120	13.35	169	3,923	23.20
25-34	36	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
35-44 2/	123	75	1,791	23.90	8	111	13.85	67	1,679	25.05
45 and over	368	33	325	9.85	10	88	8.80	22	236	10.70
Females	124	20	124	6.20	11	86	7.80	9	37	4.10
14-17 years	75	53	601	11.35	10	97	9.70	42	503	11.95
18-24	55	52	684	13.15	11	111	10.10	40	572	14.30
25-34	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
35-44 2/	85	24	160	6.65	9	76	8.45	15	84	5.60
45 and over										
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm wagework and other farmwork 3/	69	31	598	19.30	9	117	13.00	22	480	21.80
Nonfarm work	218	186	3,767	20.25	8	107	13.35	177	3,659	20.65
Unemployed 2/	18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	885	30	252	8.40	9	82	9.10	20	169	8.45
Keeping house	176	18	166	9.20	9	85	9.45	8	80	10.00
Attending school	637	33	257	7.80	10	82	8.20	23	175	7.60
Other	73	30	418	13.95	7	80	11.40	23	337	14.65
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	55	67	1,208	18.00	10	104	10.40	57	1,104	19.35
Nonmigratory	1,136	59	916	15.50	9	88	9.75	49	827	16.85
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	314	116	2,403	20.70	8	101	12.60	107	2,301	21.50
Migratory 2/	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	301	115	2,384	20.75	8	102	12.75	107	2,282	21.30
Other household members	877	39	403	10.35	9	85	9.45	29	318	10.95
Migratory 2/	43	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	834	38	386	10.15	9	83	9.20	28	302	10.80

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3/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

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Table 11.- Percentage of workers who did farm and nonfarm wagework, and average number of days worked and wages earned, for workers who did farm wagework only, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Farm wageworkers		Workers who did farm wagework only			
	Number of workers	Percentage who also did some nonfarm wagework	Number of workers	Farm		
				Days worked	Wages earned	
					Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	2,550	37	1,617	94	1,095	11.65
COLOR AND SEX						
White	2,002	40	1,210	97	1,181	12.15
Negro and other races	549	26	407	84	838	9.95
Male	1,944	40	1,171	114	1,371	12.00
White	1,622	42	939	112	1,392	12.40
Negro and other races	321	28	232	124	1,286	10.35
Female	606	27	446	39	369	9.45
White	379	29	270	44	448	10.20
Negro and other races	227	23	175	31	246	7.95
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	611	19	495	217	2,836	13.05
Farm wagework	484	19	394	244	3,156	12.95
Without nonfarm work	394	---	394	244	3,156	12.95
With nonfarm work	90	100	---	---	---	---
Other farmwork 2/	127	20	101	114	1,584	13.90
Nonfarm work	396	94	3/25	---	---	---
Unemployed	43	70	3/13	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,500	28	1,084	38	313	8.25
Keeping house	303	20	244	33	324	9.80
Attending school	1,063	30	743	39	293	7.50
Other	133	28	97	43	443	10.30
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,191	42	688	10	85	8.50
25 days and over	1,359	32	929	156	1,843	11.80
RESIDENCE						
Farm	689	22	540	132	1,417	10.75
Nonfarm	1,861	42	1,077	75	933	12.45
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	172	47	91	96	1,323	13.80
Nonmigratory	2,378	36	1,527	94	1,081	11.50
REGION AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Northeast	239	35	156	83	877	10.55
Less than 25 days	120	35	77	9	90	10.00
25-149	75	38	3/47	---	---	---
150 and over	45	29	3/31	---	---	---
North Central	650	41	380	84	788	9.40
Less than 25 days	358	45	196	10	95	9.50
25-149	188	47	99	58	501	8.65
150 and over	104	17	86	284	2,706	9.50
South	1,091	34	718	93	1,032	11.10
Less than 25 days	482	39	295	9	69	7.65
25-149	389	40	234	60	540	8.90
150 and over	219	14	189	265	3,145	11.90
West	571	36	363	109	1,633	15.00
Less than 25 days	231	48	120	10	102	10.20
25-149	209	36	133	64	854	13.40
150 and over	131	16	110	273	4,240	15.55

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Table 12.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for farm wage-workers who also did some nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO ALSO DID SOME NONFARM WAGEWORK, 1971	933	158	2,420	15.30	46	512	11.15	111	1,908	17.20
COLOR AND SEX										
White	792	162	2,574	15.90	46	523	11.35	116	2,050	17.65
Negro and other races	141	133	1,561	11.75	45	450	10.00	88	1,110	12.60
Male	772	167	2,701	16.15	49	576	11.75	118	2,125	18.00
White	683	170	2,804	16.50	48	573	11.95	121	2,230	18.40
Negro and other races	89	149	1,918	12.85	54	600	11.10	95	1,317	13.85
Female	161	112	1,071	9.55	30	205	6.85	81	865	10.65
White	109	116	1,130	9.75	31	211	6.80	84	918	10.90
Negro and other races	52	105	946	9.00	29	193	6.65	76	752	9.90
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	116	219	3,074	14.05	150	1,928	12.85	68	1,145	16.85
Farm wagework	90	245	3,443	14.05	180	2,335	12.95	65	1,107	17.05
Other farmwork 2/ 3/	26	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonfarm work	371	215	4,059	18.85	35	421	12.00	179	3,637	20.30
Unemployed 3/	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	416	92	829	9.00	26	210	8.05	66	618	9.35
Keeping house	59	73	682	9.35	26	225	8.65	47	457	9.70
Attending school	320	93	795	8.55	26	201	7.75	67	593	8.85
Other 3/	37	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DURATION OF WAGEWORK										
Farm	933	158	2,420	15.30	46	512	11.15	111	1,908	17.20
Less than 25 days	503	127	2,086	16.40	8	94	11.75	118	1,991	16.85
25-74	268	149	2,409	16.15	43	490	11.40	105	1,919	18.25
75-149	80	223	2,945	13.20	101	1,039	10.30	121	1,906	15.75
150-249	59	278	3,924	14.10	193	2,551	13.20	84	1,372	16.35
250 and over 3/	22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonfarm	933	158	2,420	15.30	46	512	11.15	111	1,908	17.20
Less than 25 days	183	59	655	11.10	48	523	10.90	11	131	11.90
25-74	247	96	1,067	11.10	50	561	11.20	46	506	11.00
75-149	174	157	2,052	13.05	56	560	10.00	100	1,491	14.90
150-249	212	236	3,928	16.65	41	507	12.35	194	3,420	17.60
250 and over	117	303	5,868	19.35	27	330	12.20	276	5,537	20.05
Farm and nonfarm	933	158	2,420	15.30	46	512	11.15	111	1,908	17.20
Less than 25 days	69	15	159	10.60	7	80	11.40	8	79	9.85
25-74	212	50	466	9.30	17	173	10.15	32	293	9.15
75-149	210	105	1,292	12.30	33	357	10.80	72	935	13.00
150-249	204	204	3,236	15.85	53	603	11.35	150	2,633	17.55
250 and over	238	303	5,124	16.90	88	1,002	11.40	214	4,122	19.25
RESIDENCE										
Farm	149	180	2,191	12 15	77	767	9.95	103	1,423	13.80
Nonfarm	784	153	2,464	16.10	40	464	11.60	113	2,000	17.70
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	81	142	1,971	13.90	59	614	10.40	82	1,357	16.55
Nonmigratory	852	159	2,463	15.50	44	502	11.40	114	1,960	17.20
REGION										
Northeast	83	158	2,424	15.35	59	592	10.05	98	1,832	18.70
North Central	270	162	2,618	16.15	38	394	10.35	123	2,224	18.10
South	373	149	2,034	13.65	46	460	10.00	103	1,574	15.30
West	207	168	2,856	17.00	50	728	14.55	118	2,127	18.00

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2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

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Table 13.--Distribution of workers who did farm wagework only and workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1971

Selected characteristics	Workers who did farm wagework only		Workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework					
	Farm		Farm and nonfarm		Farm		Nonfarm	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
ALL WORKERS, 1971	1,171	446	772	161	772	161	772	161
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED								
Less than 25 days	36	59	7	12	51	63	17	31
25-74	22	27	20	35	29	29	27	27
75-149	8	9	22	23	9	5	18	19
150-249	13	2	22	22	8	1	24	20
250 and over	21	3	29	8	3	2	14	3
DAILY EARNINGS								
Less than $3.00	7	7	6	10	4	9	9	10
$3.00-4.99	8	13	10	13	7	9	7	19
$5.00-6.99	15	20	7	14	12	18	8	11
$7.00-8.99	14	19	9	15	13	19	7	4
$9.00-10.99	17	16	14	19	18	24	11	20
$11.00-12.99	11	9	10	10	13	5	8	16
$13.00 and over	28	16	44	19	33	16	50	20
ANNUAL EARNINGS								
Less than $100	25	41	4	4	34	49	13	21
$100-199	11	21	6	10	13	15	22	35
$200-499	17	21	14	26	22	28	15	17
$500-999	11	6	15	29	14	6	16	15
$1,000-2,999	18	9	26	25	12	2	8	6
$3,000-4,999	11	2	15	3	4	---	11	3
$5,000-7,499	5	---	12	2	1	---	9	3
$7,500-9,999	1	---	6	1	---	---	4	---
$10,000 and over	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---

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APPENDIX A

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates in this report are based on data obtained in December 1971 through supplementary questions in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 449 areas comprising 863 counties and independent cities, with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 50,000 occupied households are designated for interview each month. Of this number, 2,250 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 50,000 there are also about 8,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimates in this report concern persons 14 years of age or older who did farm wagework in 1971. This data was compiled from supplementary questions to the Current Population Survey asked only if a person 14 years of age or older had performed farmwork for wages or salary during 1971. These questions concerned number of days of farm wagework, farm wages, migratory status, nonfarm wagework and nonfarm wages, chief activity in 1971, residence, and other matters. Not included in this report are hired farmworkers who died, who entered the Armed Forces, or who were removed from the civilian noninstitutional population for other reasons prior to the survey. Also not included are foreign nationals who did farm wagework in this country and returned to their homes before the survey. The number of foreign nationals admitted declined sharply after the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, and in 1971 totaled only 13,684. 1/ The total number of persons excluded from this report probably does not exceed 400,000.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to give independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, color and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1960 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and reporting as well as being subject to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the

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standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in tables 14-18 are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item.

Table 14.--Standard errors for estimated numbers of persons who did farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	9,000
50,000	12,000
100,000	18,000
250,000	29,000
500,000	42,000
1,000,000	65,000
2,500,000	121,000

Estimated percentages and estimated averages are computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator. The reliability of these estimates depends both upon the size of the estimate and the size of the totals upon which the estimates are based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Table 15 contains the standard errors of estimated percentages. Averages are subject to large sampling variability since the sample estimate of an average is affected by extreme estimates. If sensitive indicators are needed, other types of statistics, such as medians, should be considered. Tables 16, 17, and 18 contain the standard errors of estimated averages.

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Table 15.--Standard errors of percentages of persons who did farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Estimated percentage	Base of percentage in thousands						
	25	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
2 or 98	4.9	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5
5 or 95	7.6	5.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8
10 or 90	10.5	7.4	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.0
15 or 85	12.5	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.2
20 or 80	14.0	9.9	7.0	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4
25 or 75	15.1	10.7	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5
35 or 65	16.6	11.8	8.3	5.3	3.7	2.6	1.7
50	17.4	12.3	8.9	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7

Table 16.--Standard errors of average number of days of farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average number of days of farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands Number of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
10	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
25	3.5	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.3	0.9
50	10.2	7.2	5.7	4.0	3.4	2.3
100	19.2	13.6	9.6	6.8	5.0	3.3
150	19.7	14.0	9.5	6.8	3.6	2.4
200	15.5	11.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	2.0
250	11.3	8.0	5.0	3.5	1.3	0.9

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Note: Table 16 pertains to averages computed from distributions allowed to vary over the entire range of days worked. Standard errors for truncated distributions (e.g., workers with less than 25 days of farm wagework) are somewhat smaller.

Table 17.--Standard errors of average annual earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands Number of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
$ 150	31	22	14	10	9	6
250	58	41	26	19	16	11
500	118	84	53	41	35	23
750	178	126	80	64	54	36
1,000	219	155	98	85	68	45
2,000	314	223	141	132	96	64
3,000	331	235	149	138	99	66

Table 18.--Standard errors of average daily earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per day per person	Base of average in thousands Number of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
$ 5.00	.60	.42	.27	.19	.14	.09
7.00	1.13	.81	.51	.36	.26	.17
9.00	1.46	1.04	.66	.50	.35	.23
11.00	1.52	1.08	.68	.53	.43	.28
13.00	1.54	1.09	.69	.55	.47	.31
15.00	1.57	1.11	.71	.56	.50	.33

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Illustration of the use of the tables of standard errors.--Table 4 of this report shows that 172,000 persons were migratory farm wageworkers. Table 14 shows the standard error on an estimate of this size to be approximately 23,000. The chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 23,000. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 46,000.

Of these 172,000 migratory farm wageworkers, 56,000 or 33 percent are from the Southern Region. Table 15 shows the standard error of 33 percent on a base of 172,000 to be approximately 6.8 percent. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated 33 percent would be within 6.8 percent of a complete census figure, and changes are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within 13.6 percent of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from 19.4 to 46.6 percent.

Table 7 of this report shows that average annual earnings at farm wagework for migratory farm wageworkers are $987. Table 17 shows the standard error of $987 on a base of 172,000 workers to be approximately $126. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated $987 would be within $126 of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within $252 of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from $735 to $1,239.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wageworkers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if only for 1 day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary consists of the following: (1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworker, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizer, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, etc., performed by a farm wageworker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure, the drilling of a well, the hauling of agricultural products to market by commercial truckers, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, combining, etc., when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment and labor.

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Casual workers.--Persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework.

Noncasual workers.--Persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework. Noncasual workers include:

Seasonal workers.--Persons who did 25-149 days of farm wagework.

Regular workers.--Persons who did 150-249 days of farm wagework.

Year-round workers.--Persons who did 250 days or more of farm wagework.

(The use here of the terms "seasonal" and "regular" differs from that in the Census of Agriculture, where "seasonal workers" refers to persons employed on one farm for less than 150 days during the year, and "regular workers" to those employed on one farm for 150 days or more during the year.)

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Color.--The term "color" refers to the division of the population into two groups -- white and Negro and other races (including such groups as Indians, Japanese, and Chinese).

Chief activity.--Information on the chief activity of farm wageworkers during the year was derived from the question, "What was . . . doing most of 1971--working, keeping house, going to school, or something else?" If "working" was reported as the chief activity, the kind of work the person was doing most of the year was determined. Farm wagework was reported if the person spent most of his working time doing farm wagework. Operating a farm was reported if a person spent most of his working time operating his own farm (as a tenant, owner, or sharecropper). Nonfarm work was reported if a person spent most of his working time in his own business or profession, worked without pay in a family business, or worked for pay (or pay in kind) in any nonfarm activity, such as manufacturing, trade, construction, domestic service, etc. If the person did not report "working" as his chief activity, information was obtained on what he was doing most of the year. Looking for work (unemployed was reported for a person who spent most of his time without employment, but was actively looking for a job. Keeping house was reported for persons who spent most of their time doing their own housework. Going to school was reported for persons who spent most of their time during the year going to school. The category "other" was reported for persons who spent most of their time at some activity other than those named above.

Residence.--Residence is determined on the basis of the classification of the place in which the worker lived at the time of the survey. In the Current Population Survey, farm wageworkers were classified as living on farms (farm residents) if they lived in rural territory on places of 10 or more acres of land, and if as much as $50 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Also included are those who lived on places of less than 10 acres if as much as $250 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Nonfarm-resident workers lived in urban

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places, rural towns or villages, or in the open country on places that did not meet the criteria for farm classification.

Migratory status.--Migratory workers are those who (a) left their homes temporarily overnight to do farm wagework in a different county within the same State or in a different State with expectation of eventually returning home, or (b) had no usual place of residence, and did farm wagework in two or more counties during the year. Nonmigratory workers are those (a) who did all their farm wagework for the year in the same county in which they lived, (b) who made a permanent move from one county to another during the year and performed farm wagework in both counties, or (c) who commuted daily across the county or State line to do farm wagework and returned home each night.

Region.--The States included in each of the four regions are as follows: Northeast--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey; North Central--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas; South--Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas; and West--Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska.

Days of farm or nonfarm wagework.--Days on which any farm or nonfarm wagework was reported. The work may have been for all or only part of a day.

Earnings from farm or nonfarm work.--Total cash wages or salary received for farmwork or for nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork nor the value of fringe benefits received in connection with nonfarm work.